AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON ADR MECHANISMS, IN ASSOCIATION WITH KERALA STATE MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION CENTRE, DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICE AUTHORITY.

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Mar Gregorios College of Law, in Association with Kerala State mediation and Conciliation Centre of District Legal Service Authority of India had conducted an Awareness Programme on ADR Mechanisms for the final year students of Mar Gregorios College of Law. The session was inaugurated by Shri K.Babu, Honourable Principal and sessions Judge, Thiruvananthapuram. Sir had started his legal practice at the court centres in Kottarakkara and Kollam in 1994. He had worked as the Additional District Judges at Thalassery, Pathanamthitta and Kottayam. He was also the Special Judge in the CBI court, Ernakulam. He had also served as the Registrar (Subordinate Judiciary), High Court of Kerala and Registrar (Officer on special duty), Supreme Court. He was appointed as the Principal District Judge, Thiruvananthapuram in 2018. After the inaugural address, a felicitation address was given by Ms.Jubia, Sub-Judge, Thiruvananthapuram. The felicitation address was followed by a training session by Advocate Bhuvanachandran Nair, on the various ADR mechanisms available and how it is practiced.

Advocate Bhuvanachandran Nair sir addressed the topic, 'Different ADR Mechanisms' available in a very detailed manner. He had traced the origin of this out-of-the court settlement arrangement, and how it was initially implemented in India. ADR is a mechanism of dispute resolution that is non-adversarial, i.e. working together co-operatively to reach the best resolution for everyone. The different ADR mechanism available are, Arbitration, Conciliation, Mediation and Negotiation. It provides the opportunity to "expand the pie" through creative, collaborative bargaining, and fulfill the interests driving their demands.

The discussion ended with a question and answer session, and the students actively participated in the discussion. The session ended with a vote of thanks delivered by a student representative.